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The President's Handed-Down Reform, President Wilson's scheme to kill Tammany before 1916 by refusing to give any federal

Belgian official documents which Germany re- elsewhere, must grow up, not be handed down by cently discovered in the archives at Brussels and a superior being. which are held by Mr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, earth in the space of two years, even by a Re-Dr. Deraburg and others to justify Germany's publican state administration, an inimical Demo-Germany from the opprobrium of having broken lent and bitter antipathy to all that is pure and kaffir corn to Olpe" hits us na m. or l. refrain. we fall to find in them anything which relieves Tammany is much more likely to conceive a viothe international treaty under which Belgium's sweet and Wilsonian in Democratic politics. The WE WERE INTERSUPTED TWICE ON READING THIS security was guaranteed as a perpetually neutral President's scheme is slightly askew on facts and

These documents, the substance of which was cabled to this country a couple of months ago. show that British military attachés at Brusin case the latter country should be attacked by Mr. Jim Larkin and Dr. Kuno Meyer, brothers- makes him mad; then he writes well; sometim were bound by their pledges to help Belgium stripes dotted with green shamrocks. were bound by their pledges to help Belgium maintain her territorial integrity and independence. It is to Great Britain's credit that she did offer to back up her promises by military forces. Through the exchanges at Brussle in Terrace Garden a reporter was last session in Terrace Garden a reporte force. Through the exchanges at Brussels-in- much taken to task because he did not rise when Mary Colt, was a visitor in town this week." Giddap formal as they were-she manifested an honor- "Die Wacht am Rhein" (successor to the "Wearable disposition to live up to her word-even at ing of the Green" in Irish hearts) struck up. He the cost of blood and treasure. It would help was even poked by the sheathed sabre of a lieu Germany materially to sustain her claim that she tenant of Irish Volunteers. He did not rise, howdid not make her guarantee to Belgium a "scrap ever, being neither German nor Irish, but plain ment of my contribution of a dollar of paper" out of cold-blooded considerations of American; and we are glad to see that the (\$1.00) in this A. M. paper. policy, but was driven to that crime by a sudden, overmastering impulse of self-preservation, if similar assurances of German aid to Belgium in case of an attack by France or Great Britain.

in any city and to abolish the taxpayers' right of self-government."

Something greatly resembling such a union was formed here recently, with Frank J. Prial, formerly a municipal employe, now a deputy commissioner in the State Labor Department, as president. It includes the organizations of the mail carriers and postoffice employes, the Street Cleaning Department's men, the firemen and the various police organizations. Its purpose is said to be to advance the interests of the merit system and to foster the placing of the best qualified men in the public service. If it follows the course shown by the history of most of its constituent organizations, it will be lobbying for higher salaries, shorter hours and various other advantages for its members, for which the public pays. "The World" need not go to Cleveland to find the evils .50 of which it was speaking; all it has to do is to watch this union of public employes' unions in

patronage to persons allied with Murphy is beau-More Casuistry About Germany's tiful-in theory. The only trouble with it is that t is reform superimposed, like so many of the Violation of Belgian Neutrality. President's business reforms, whereas the philoso-The Tribune published yesterday facsimiles of phers declare that true reform, in politics as

Tammany can't be starved off the face of the wabbly as to psychology. Otherwise it's beautiful.

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The Christ-Child Near Essen.

And have you far to go? Whence come you? For your feet so bright Leave no mark on the snow!"

I come from Bethlehem, House of Bread, My Father sends me forth; There is another House, he said,

Where men are waiting what I bring,-Each hour they wait is loss! And round the House an iron ring

It is a House of fiery stoves, That never stop for breath,

"Then speed you, Child, the sky is dark, The ring is grown so high

And otherwhere than here, O see, The world waits, wronged and dumb," Afar the Child called, silverly,

ADELINE ADAMS.

Reading the Magda correspondence in the Emporia violation of Belgium's neutrality. We printed cratic federal administration and a fusion city Gazette as we always do we were struck last night these documents and a commentary on them by administration. Neither is starving conducive to by learning that "Mr. Dilts has been hauling kaffir Dr. Dernburg because of their news value. But reform—that is, reform from the bottom up. to Oipe." Only the rhyme-difficulties of Oipe keep

The Teuto-Gaelic Alliance.

Sometimes the American sense of humor covers

The Teuto-Gaelic Alliance.

Idle hour. How can an editor get any ideas if he doesn't read others' bleas? Do you think he sits down and thinks sels had discussed with the Belgian military more sins than virtues. Just now it is doing a score of capers every morning, and from eac or two he authorities plans for giving support to Belgium noble work in smiling cheerfully at the works of sets a suggestion or two. Sometimes he finds an item that Germany. There was no impropriety in such dis- in-arms, fighting shoulder to shoulder beneath starts a rich train of suggestion. But the sure way to item, a pay local, a telegraphic bend, an advertisement cussion, since both Great Britain and Germany that new and striking banner, red, white and black wreck the train, and make your paper stoped and mane, i

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The Conning Tower

"O little Child, this wintry night,

A strong House in the North,

There is that I must cross.

But day and night bake iron loaves Men call the Bread of Death!"

Only those feet that make no mark On snow can pass it by;

"O People dear, I come!"

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F. M. L.

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